Proposal for compensation to passengers for late running of trains

3674. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to give compensation to the railway passengers whenever there is late running of the trains due to departmental faults;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no provision in the Indian Railways Act.

Issue of ration cards to JJ. Dwellers

3675. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey teams have surveyed Jhuggi Jhopri areas in Delhi to prepare the list of families residing there;

(d) if so, whether the ration cards are being issued on the basis of the said survey;

(c) whether Government have received any complaints about irregularities being committed in such surveys; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Delhi Administration received a few complaints containing general allegations of irregularities which were enquired into. The allegations were generally not substantiated. In cases of representations regarding individual having been left out, arrangements were made for accepting their applications at the concerned Circle Offices of Food and Supply Department within a given period of time.

Allotment of edible oils to West Bengal

3676. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have allotted additional quota of palm oil and rapeseed oil to West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allocation of palmolein oil to West Bengal has been increased from 6000 Mts. in July, 1990 to 10000 Mts. in August, 1990. The allocation of palmolein to the State for September, 1990 has been maintained at the same level i.e. 10000 Mts.

(c) Does not arise.

Regularisation of Government Accommodation in the name of their Wards

3677. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that cases for eviction by the Directorate of Estates issued on the 15th October, 1986 has been withdrawn on the 20th November, 1986 in respect of Type-I quarters in Clive Square, DIZ Area;

(b) whether it is a fact that eviction orders were again issued in March, 1990 by Directorate of Estates (Litigation Cell) after withdrawing it earlier;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the concerned persons were asked to pay overstaying charges; and

(d) if so, the reasons for which the quarter has not been regularised in the names of the wards of the retired Government servants even after paying over staying charges ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT)SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. There is one such case.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The retiring employee was allottee of Rajya Sabha Quota accommodation, therefore, as such his ward was not eligible for the concession of regularisation as per rules.

Number of First Class and A.C. Free Passes

3678. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of First Class and A.C. Free Passes in circulation;

(b) the categories of people to whom such passes are provided;

(c) whether this large number of free passes has denied the ticket buying public a legitimate share of accommodation; and

(d) the steps being taken to improve accommodation availability to the ticket buying public ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH) : (a) and (b) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is referring to the issue of Complimentary Card Passes, other than passes issued to Freedom Fighters. Only 52 First Class Complimentary Card Passes are in circulation as on 31st July, 1990. These entitle the holder to travel in First Class including A.C. Sleeper. Such Complimentary Card Passes are issued by the Ministry of Railways to eminent persons, organisations, devoted to social, cultural, scientific, literary, sports and other educational activities of 'All India' character, etc., based on justification/merits of each case, with the personal approval of the Minister.

(c) The number of free passes being limited, there is negligible and insignificant loss of accommodation to ticket buying public.

(d) It is a continuous process, subject to availability of resources.

Allotment of Land to Co-operative Group Housing Societies

3679. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) names of the 400 Co-operative Group Housing Societies in the forefront of consideration for land allotment in Delhi;

(b) whether Government is insisting on start landscaping plans in proposals submitted by above Societies; and

(c) what are the guide-lines in force for environment, tree-planting, parking in the proposed plans of all Co-operative Housing in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The information is being gathered and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Foodgrains lying outside F.C.I. Godowns

3680. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quantity of foodgrains kept outside godowns by Food Corporation of India during this year;

(b) what is the godown space available from all sources to F.C.I.

(c) The estimate of losses in foodgrains during the last three years from rodents weather and due to other causes;

(d) whether all relevant information on storage, transport and all aspects of handling, etc. has been Centrally computerised by F.C.I.; and

(e) what F.C.I. is taking to modernise its operations and reduce waste and inefficiency ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL):

(a) The quantity of foodgrains kept outside under cover and plinth by FCI during